

KEEPING OUR WATER CLEAN

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WATER RESOURCES AGENT

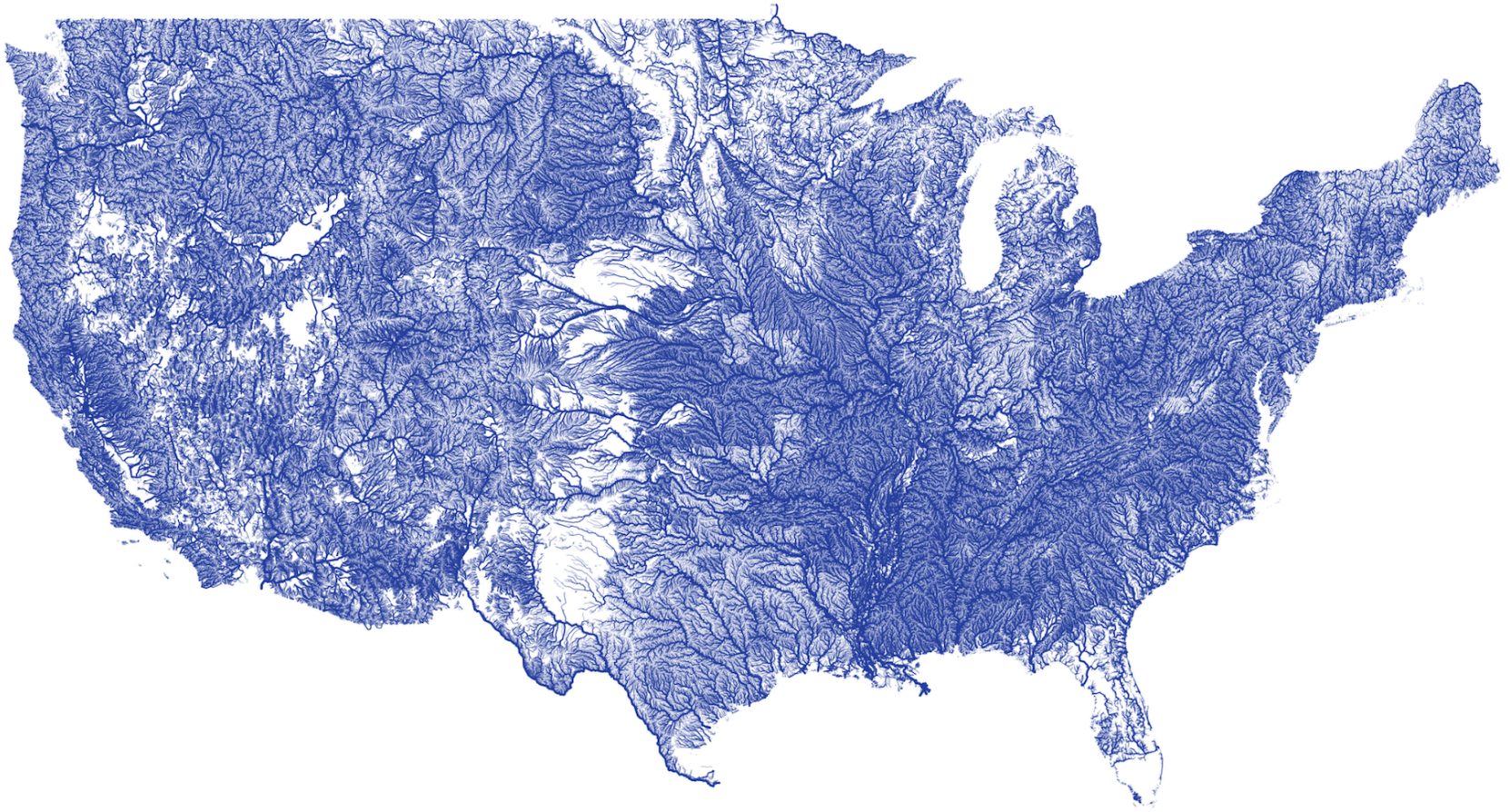


MEET THE ACSEC!

ASHLEY COOPER STORMWATER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

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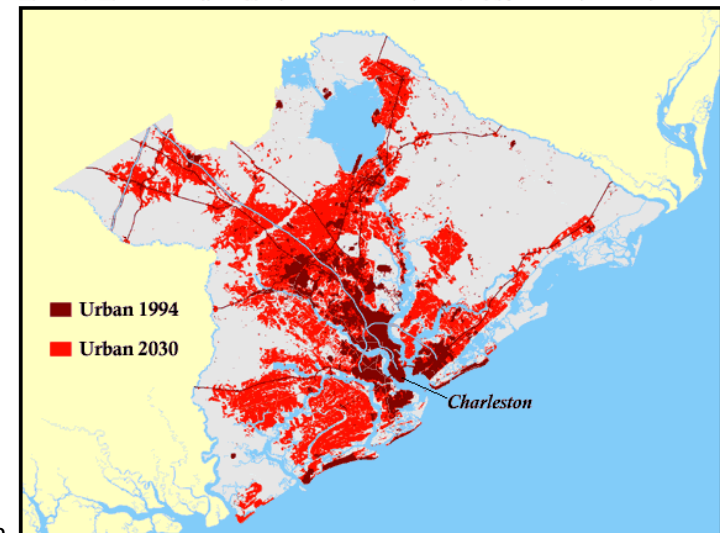
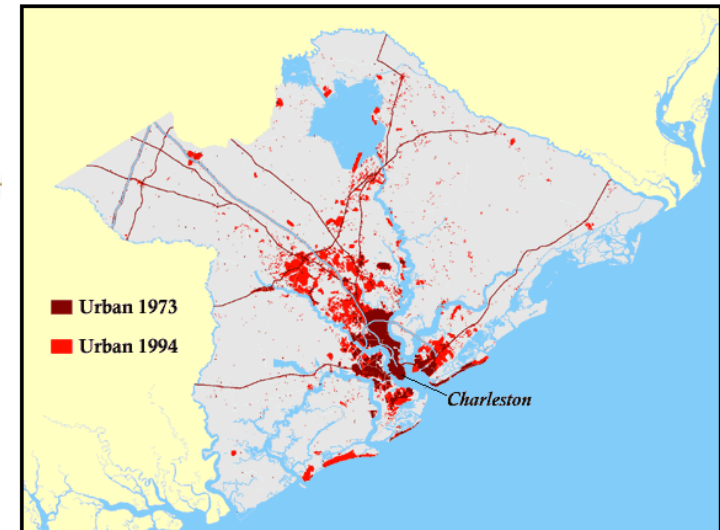




22.29°N 127.83°W



OUR SECRET IS OUT!



Source: Campbell, Passmore, and Allen. "Charleston Urban Growth Model Used to Identify Resources at Risk".



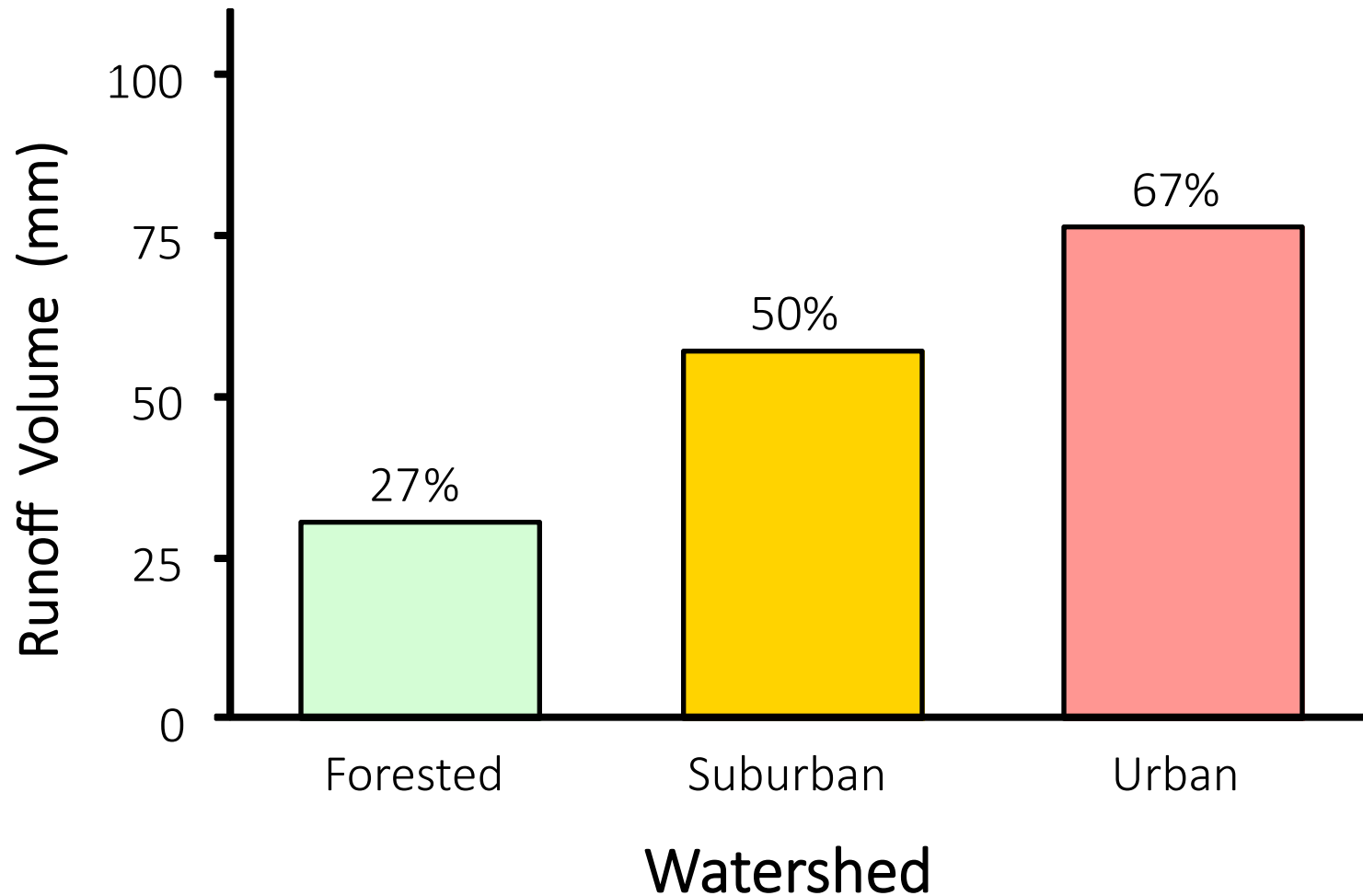


WHAT DOES THIS MEAN
FOR OUR WATER?

(WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?)

Modeled Runoff Volume

Scenario – 24-hr 4.5-in storm event, average runoff conditions



WHERE DOES THAT WATER GO?

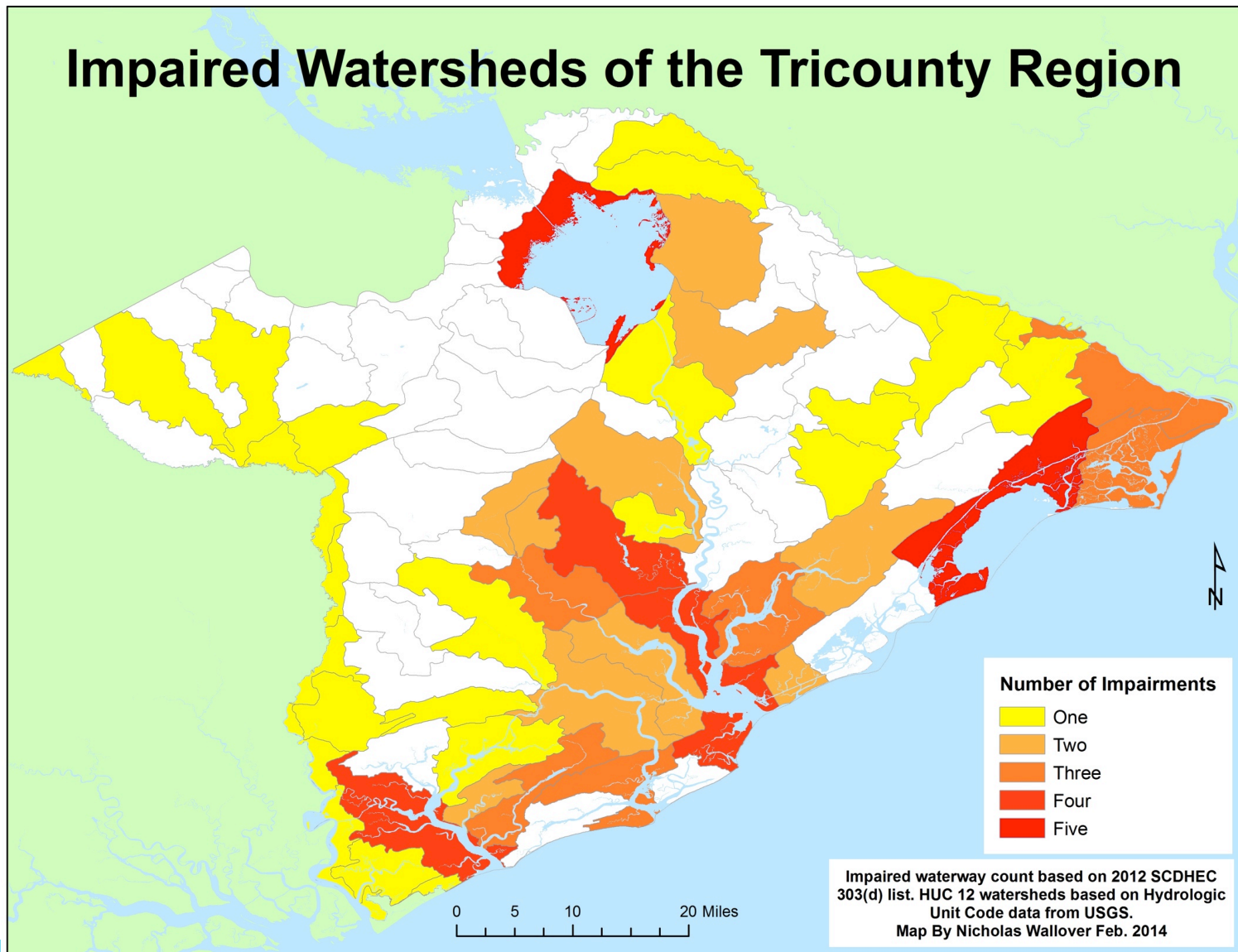




Polluted runoff is the biggest threat to our water quality.

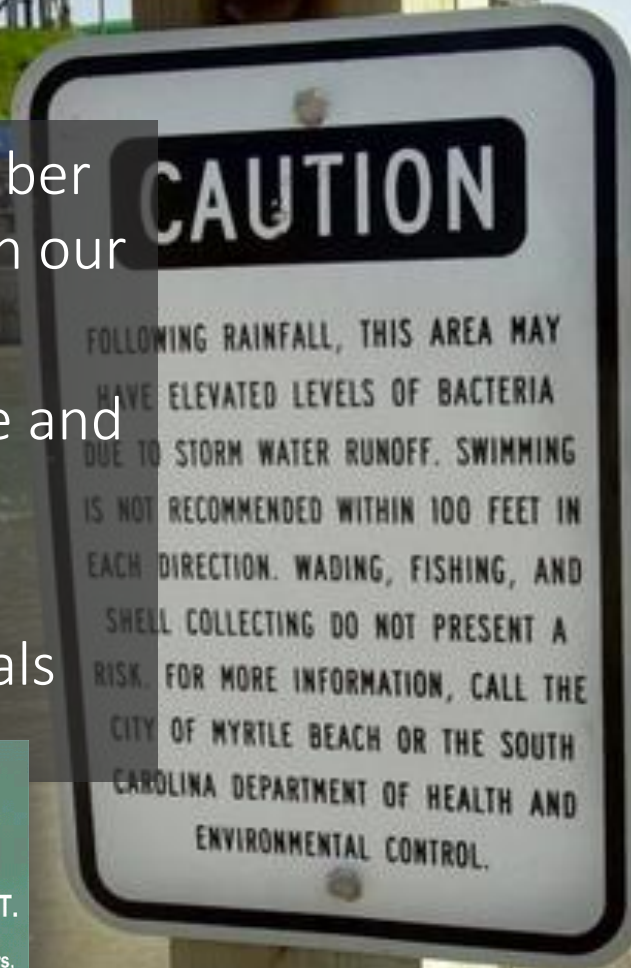
Sediment
Paint & other chemicals
Excess nutrients
Bacteria & pathogens
Litter
Excess pesticides

Impaired Watersheds of the Tricounty Region



THE SCOOP ON POOP

- Bacteria is the number #1 pollution issue in our SC waterways
- Impacts beach time and our economy!
- Sources: Pet waste, wildlife, farm animals



TOO MUCH SPINACH?

Excess nutrients are a concern because:

- Lead to algal blooms
- Low oxygen leads to fish kills
- Some algae can be harmful!

Source of nutrients?
Fertilizers, grass
clippings, lawn debris



WHAT'S THE DIRTY ON DIRT?

Sediment in runoff...

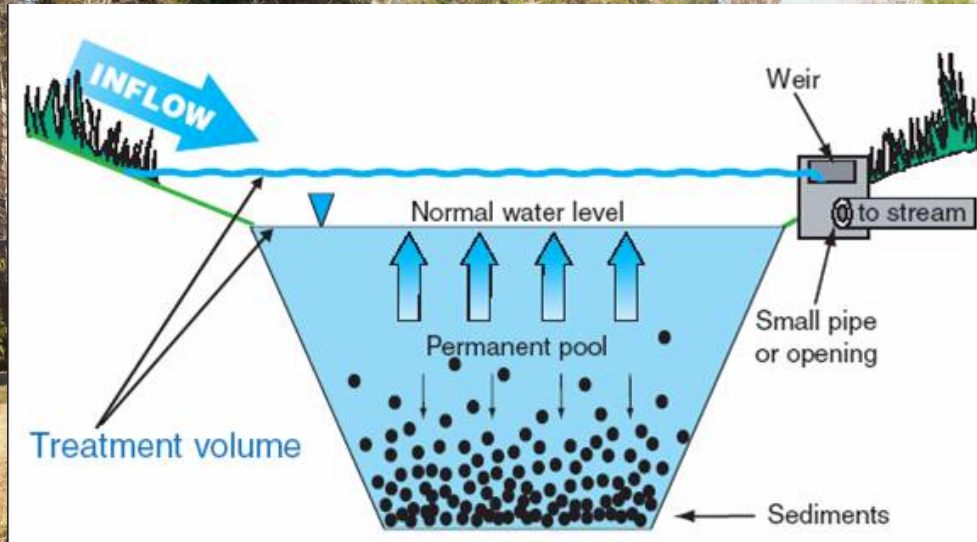
- Reduces water clarity
- Fills rivers, ponds, lakes, etc., contributing to flooding!
- Carries pollutants!
- Impacts wildlife



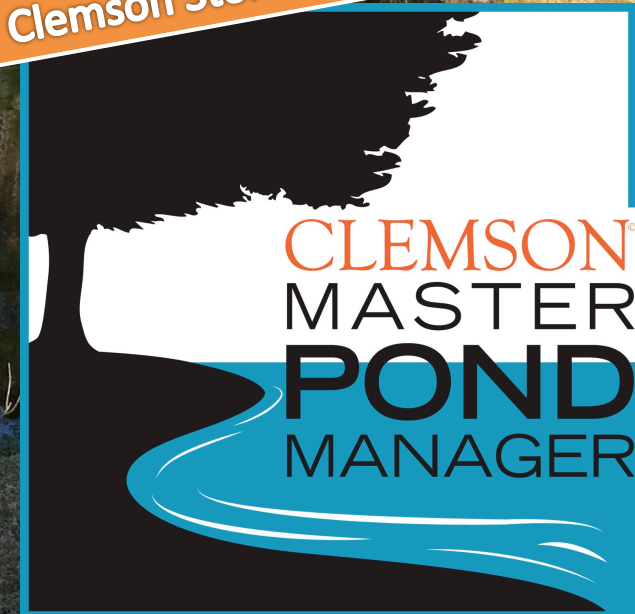


WHAT CAN WE DO TO KEEP OUR
WATER CLEAN?

STORMWATER PONDS – WE LOVE THEM!

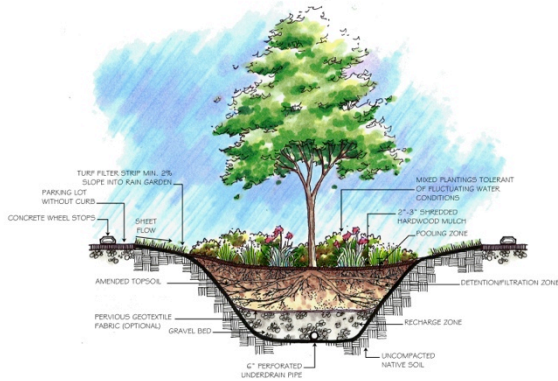


Google: Clemson Stormwater Ponds



LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

SOAK IT IN!



Rain Gardens



Permeable Pavement



Green Roofs



PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS!



DON'T FEED WILDLIFE.

Canada Geese:

- 25x more harmful bacteria in waste than humans!
- “People food” is bad for geese.



**PLEASE...
HOLD THE
BREAD!**

*It's making us
SICK!*



- High fiber foods, like bread, upset the simple digestive system of the Canada Goose.
- Fed geese stop migrating, and instead, stay and nest along our waterways.
- Their waste fouls our water, trails and shorelines, making park features unusable.



- By not feeding the geese and establishing a no-mow zone around waterways, we encourage them to keep to their natural migration pattern and protect our water quality.



For more information, please visit
www.clemson.edu/carolinaclear.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS WASTE.



Paint and
Chemicals



Used oil
antifreeze



Recognize your restaurant!

CAROLINA CLEAN
WATERSHED



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KEEP A TAB ON LAWN DEBRIS.

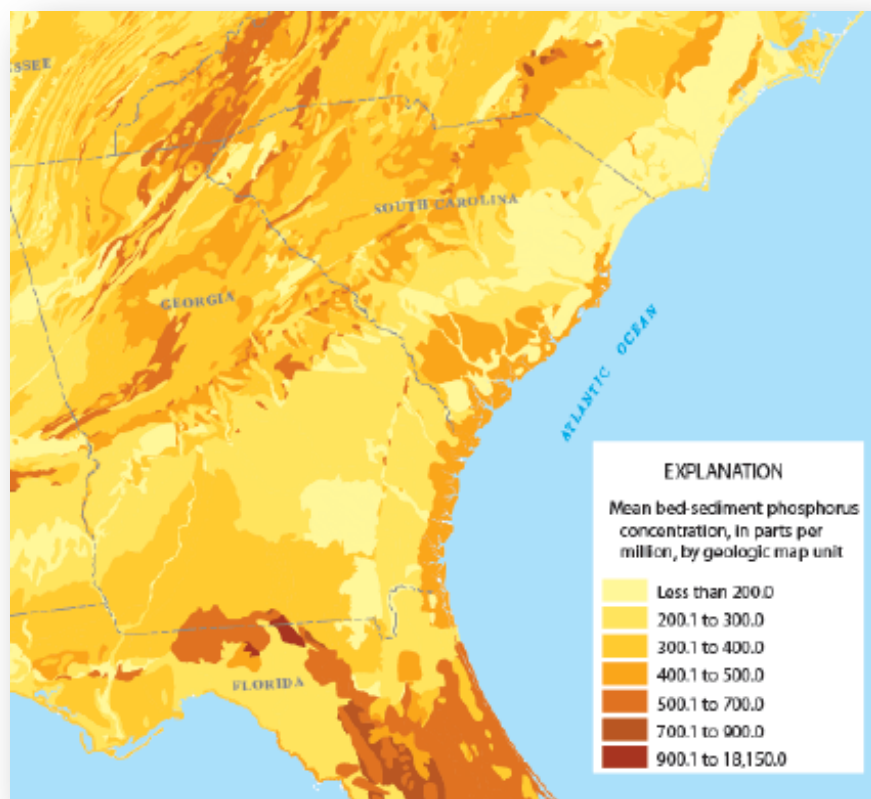
Options:

- ✓ Keep clippings in place
- ✓ Bag convenience center drop-off
- ✓ Add to your own compost pile



BE FERTILIZER SMART.

- Get a soil test (and save money, too!).
- Look for low to no-P fertilizers.
- Follow directions and seal and cover.



Scotts drops phosphorus from lawn fertilizer

Marysville company acts to reduce risk of runoff feeding toxic-algae blooms in lakes; competitors likely to follow its lead



WATER WISE GARDENING!



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**Actions
You Can
Take**



REPORT ACCIDENTAL SPILLS OR DUMPING.



If spill happens, do you know what to do?

STOP LITTER IN ITS TRACKS!



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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Tip of the Month: Don't Blow It!



Tip of the Month: Bag It, Compost It, Reuse it...but, Don't Blow It!

It's springtime and if your lawn is anything like ours, your weekends may be spent raking the last of the fallen oak leaves and pollen pods. Remember to be kind to our waterways by never blowing or dumping this yard debris into the street, storm drain, or ditch; this can lead to clogged pipes, flooded neighborhoods, and poor water quality in our ponds and downstream waterways.

Use the following tips to keep your yard and our water healthy this year:

- **Leave your grass clippings** in place and return beneficial nutrients, like nitrogen, to the soil.
- **Adjust your mower height** to the type of grass you have growing. A good rule of thumb is to remove only 1/3 of the grass height at any one time. [Learn More.](#)
- **Start a compost pile** as an inexpensive way to reuse lawn debris and improve your soil. [Learn More.](#)
- **Bag your lawn debris** for pickup or drop-off. Contact your local or county government representative for more details to find out if curbside pickup or drop-off centers are available in your community.
- If you use a landscaping service in your home yard or office, make sure you are on the same page regarding proper disposal of debris in your yard.

GET ON YOUR GOOD FOOT
Reduce your pollution footprint
CLICK THE DROPS BELOW FOR MORE INFO

- 
New Resource!
Pond Management
- 
Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- 
Be Wise if You Fertilize
- 

Looking Upstream UPCOMING EVENTS

Order Now! Ivy Rain Barrels For Sale
Sale Ends May 27, Pick-up Date June 1



Help us spread the message!



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THANK YOU!



POLLUTION REMOVAL POTENTIAL

Pollutant	% Removal
Copper	43-97%
Lead	70-95%
Zinc	64-95%
Phosphorus	65-87%
Total Nitrogen	49-67%

Pollutant Removal¹

80-90% - Total Suspended Solids

55-90% - Total Phosphorus

65-90% - Total Nitrogen

N/A - Metals

55-90% - Pathogens

¹ *expected annual pollutant load removal*

Source: U.S. EPA, Rain Gardening in the South, Low Impact Development In South Carolina

